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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-25 and 31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) NONE is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17, 26-30, 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's amendment filed on 08/15/2007, wherein claim 32 has been added.

Applicant's remarks with respect to rejection of claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 26-30 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite have been considered, and found persuasive. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is herein withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1-17, and 26-30 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9, 24-32 of Application 10/687645, and over claims 1-12, 29-37 of Application 10/687632 is herein withdrawn. Note that applicant has submitted terminal disclaimer over both '645, and '632.

Claims 1-17, 26-30, and 32 are examined herein as they read on the elected invention.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-17, 26-30, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lagrange (US 6,123,952, PTO-892), in view of Clark et al. (WO 99/31081, PTO-1449).

Lagrange discloses a cosmetic composition comprising organic photo chromic compounds in cosmetically acceptable oily phase. LaGrange discloses the organic photochromic compounds are compounds which have the property of changing color when they are irradiated with a light source and then regaining their initial color when the irradiation stops (column 1, lines 43-46). It is taught that the use of organic photochromic compounds in make-up or hair compositions gives novel coloring effects. See column 1, lines 6-10, lines 39-42. The composition can be in any cosmetically acceptable form, such as in the form of a lotion, suspension, dispersion or solution in aqueous-alcoholic or solvent medium, which may be multi-phasic; in the form of a gel, a mousse, a spray, an oil-in-water, water-in-oil or multiple emulsion; in the form of a free, compact or cast powder; in the form of an anhydrous solid or paste (column 3, lines 46-54). The photo chromic coloring agent is present in the amount of 0.05-30% by weight (column 6, lines 27-28). The composition also contains a cosmetically acceptable medium (column 6, lines 34-35). A fatty phase may be present comprising oils of animals, plants, mineral or synthetic origin, waxes of animal, plant, mineral, or synthetic origin, pasty fatty substances, gums, or mixtures thereof. See column 6, lines 46-52. Volatile oils may also be present, hydrocarbon based oils, such as isoparaffins, and in particular isododecane and fluoro oils. Non-volatile oils can also be used which can be polar or non-polar and include oils of animal, plant (such as castor oil), or mineral origin,

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and in particular animal or plant oils formed from fatty acid esters of polyols, in particular liquid triglycerides,. See column 6, line 54-column 7, lines 64. A face cream comprising oils in an amount of 20 % by weight is disclosed. See column 12, EXAMPLE 1. The cosmetic compositions therein are in the form of face cream, hair lotion, eyeshadow. See column 16-18, claims, 11-12, 20-21. The composition can also comprise a particulate phase, which can comprise pigments and/or pearlescent agents and/or fillers usually used in cosmetic compositions (column 10, lines 65-68). The fillers, which can be present, are in a proportion of from 0 to 30% by weight (column 11, lines 34-35). Pigments include white or colored, inorganic or organic particles intended to color or opacify the composition (column 11, lines 1-2), iridescent particles which reflect light (column 11, lines 8-9), and lakes and dyes (column 11 ,lines 16-25).

Lagrange does not disclose the employment of the particular instant photochromic organic dyes in the cosmetic composition therein.

Clark et al. disclose photochromic dyes, naphthopyrans of formula (I) or (II) which read on instant photochromic organic dyes. See abstract; pages 12-15, Examples 1-18; pages 25-27, claims 1-6. It is also taught that the photochromic dyes therein may be used to impart different colors to a solution, matrix or host material. See page 6, paragraph 2 from bottom.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to employ the photochromic compounds taught by Clark et al. in a cosmetic composition because Lagrange teaches that cosmetic compositions comprise photochromic organic dyes. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention would

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have been motivated to employ the photochromic organic dyes taught by Clark et al. in a cosmetic composition with reasonable expectation of obtaining a make-up or hair compositions with desirable coloring effects.

Furthermore, as the combined teachings of Lagrange and Clark et al., renders the claimed composition obvious, the property of such a claimed composition will also be rendered obvious by the prior art teachings, since the properties, namely the "mean solubility parameter δ_a according to the Hansen solubility space, at 25 °C, of greater than or equal to $5.0 \text{ (J/cm}^3)^{1/2}$ " as in claims 12, 13, and "mean solubility parameter δ_a according to the Hansen solubility space, at 25 °C, of less than $5.0 \text{ (J/cm}^3)^{1/2}$ " as in claims 14-15, are the properties of the oils, and the properties are inseparable, since Lagrange teaches the same oils in the cosmetic composition therein. Further, the recitation "having a ΔE value of greater than or equal to 5" is the property of the composition, and as the combined teachings of Clark et al., and Lagrange renders the claimed composition obvious, the property of such a claimed composition will also be rendered obvious by the prior art teachings as discussed above. Therefore, if the prior art teaches the composition or renders the composition obvious, then the properties are also taught or rendered obvious by the prior art. In re Spada, 911 F.2d 705, 709, 15 USPQ 1655, 1658 (Fed. Cir. 1990.) See MPEP 2112.01.

Regarding the recitation "the organic dye is dissolved in the oily phase of the composition", in claim 32 it is pointed out that the recitation is a product-by-process limitation. Even though product-by-process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of

a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process. In re Thorpe, 777 F.2d 695, 698, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985). See MPEP 21 13.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered, but not found persuasive.

Applicant argues that "Clark and Lagrange are not properly combinable. Clark's dyes are reversible chromatic compounds given the "rapid fading" associated with Clark's dyes. (See, page 3, 1st paragraph). Clark seeks such rapid reversibility of his dyes -- it is a necessary part of his "invention." In stark contrast, Lagrange's compositions contain only irreversible photochromic compounds. In fact, Lagrange specifically excludes reversible photochromic compounds from his compositions. (See, col. 2, lines 59-62)." These arguments have been considered, but not found persuasive because 1) Lagrange broadly teaches the use of organic photochromic compounds in make-up or hair compositions to give novel coloring effects, see column 1, lines 6-10, lines 39-42, line 63-column 2, line 3, and 2) Clark teaches that the photochromic dyes therein which read on instant photochromic organic dye may be used to impart different colors to a solution, matrix or host material. Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention would have been motivated to employ the photochromic organic dyes taught by Clark et al. in a cosmetic composition with reasonable expectation of obtaining a make-up or hair compositions with desirable coloring effects. Further, it is

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pointed out that both Clark et al. and Lagrange references are analogues art pertaining to photochromic coloring agents, and are properly combined as discussed above.

Prior Art Made of Record:

WO 98/45281

US 6,627,121

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period, will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

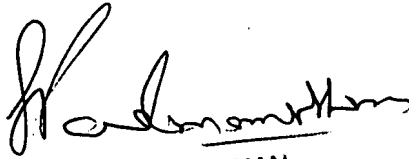
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan, Ph.D can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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